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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1731

Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo Stefano Roba *et al.*

Application No.: 09/986,822

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND INDUCTION
FURNACE FOR DRAWING
LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS
TO OPTICAL FIBRES

) Group Art Unit: 1731

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Sir,

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 16, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, prosecution having been extended by a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time and payment of the requisite fee, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in this paper.

A Listing of the Claims is included after the Amendments to the Specification.

Remarks/Arguments follow the Listing of the Claims.

A Replacement Drawing Sheet is attached hereto.